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## GOING ON A WALKABOUT

**Ald. John Mar, right, takes a stroll through Bankview with longtime area resident Terry MacKenzie as part of a pilot project aimed at strengthening Calgary communities by tailoring city services to the needs of the people who live there. Story, page 6.** ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

# 'Not a good deal for students': School board

**Rejection.** Calgary School Board turns down third provincial contract for Alberta teachers

Calgary public school trustees rejected a tentative contract proposal for Alberta's teachers Wednesday, joining a growing body of opposition to the deal.

The verdict, made public Wednesday after a Calgary Board of Education private meeting Tuesday, had the potential to throw a heavier wrench into efforts to solidify an agreement for 35,000 instructors in the province.

"Based on our analysis, we conclude this is not a good deal for students," reads a prepared statement from Calgary Board of Education chair Pat Cochrane.

Reached later in the day, Cochrane listed a new "exceptions" committee that would give teachers the ability to seek a third-party review of decisions made by teachers and superintendents as well as potential hidden costs in the contract as top concerns.

"To be honest, the agreement isn't clear enough to even understand — right now no one can tell us what the costs may be," Cochrane said.

The province already committed to a zero per cent funding increase for school boards over the next three years in its budget released earlier this month. The CBE has said any freeze in funding actually amounts to a cut, as they must continue to compensate instructors moving up the salary grid.

Edmonton's public school board, the second-largest in the province behind only the CBE, rejected the contract Tuesday.

Education Minister Jeff Johnson said Wednesday he was surprised with the verdicts and planned to follow up with trustees in the coming days.

"I am not sure what they object to," he said. "The deal is substantively the same as the proposal of Feb. 20, with the exception it is less money for them — it is less costly for them."

Johnson was referring to a one per cent cash incentive for teachers that would have been funded by boards if teachers had signed the February deal. But Alberta Teachers' Association executives unanimously rejected it.

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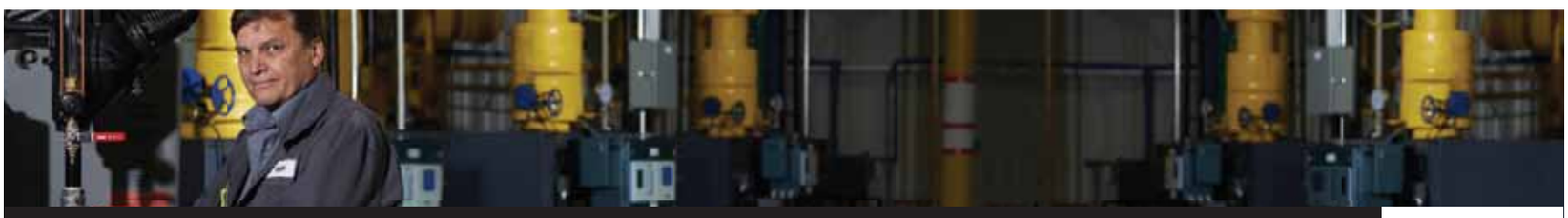

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## Heritage.
# Clock ticking on fate of Eamon's building

The famous sign will be preserved, but the fate of the Eamon's Bungalow Camp building remains up in the air, aldermen heard on Wednesday.

The city still hasn't received any serious expressions of interest from the private sector to make commercial use of the 1950s-era building, which has been removed from its former site in northwest Calgary to make room for construction of an LRT park-and-ride.

Cynthia Klaassen of the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society pleaded with aldermen on Wednesday to restore the building — which is currently in storage — and replace it on the site.

She called it "a rare heritage resource that adds content and character to the developing suburban edge of Calgary."

Ald. Andre Chabot said it would be foolish to restore the building, given what it would cost and that the materials it's made of are of no historic interest.

"It's a wood structure with stucco that could easily be replicated," Chabot said.

Ald. Dale Hodges said the city needs to better advertise the business opportunities the building could offer and put out architectural drawings of what the developed site could look like to entice more private interest.

"I think that would help a lot," he said. "They'd know what they were getting into."

Council will decide in June what to do with the building.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Mayor Naheed Nenshi speaks to reporters about former Calgary mayor and Alberta premier Ralph Klein, inset, on Wednesday after hearing that Klein's health had taken a turn for the worse. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

# 'A legacy in this city that we live with every day'

## Failing health.
Politicians praise Ralph Klein in the halls of power he once dominated

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Words of support for Ralph Klein and his family poured in from city hall and the legislature on Wednesday amid reports the health of the former Calgary mayor and Alberta premier had taken a turn for the worse.

"Mayor Klein's legacy is a legacy in this city that we live with every day, and we should celebrate that while he's still with us," Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi said outside his office at city hall.

"We should celebrate this modern cosmopolitan system, the LRT system, all those things he helped build, including the very building we're standing at," Nenshi said. "All of these are things we enjoy every day, and it's never too early to say thank you for that."

Premier Alison Redford said her thoughts are with Klein and his family. "He is a great man and he redefined this province. His legacy is important," she said.

"This is the time to talk about that legacy but right now not too much," Redford added. "Right now we have to respect the fact that the family is going through very difficult times."

Ald. Dale Hodges, who sat on city council during Klein's tenure as Calgary mayor, said Klein was a rare and gifted politician who played by his own rules and found incredible success in doing so.

"He enjoyed tremendous public support," Hodges said. "It's hard to describe how popular he was."

Klein, 70, is living in a nursing home in Calgary with a form of dementia and lung disease.

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## Associated Cab wants city to kill airport express-bus service

Calgary Transit's express-bus service to the airport is poorly used yet still threatens the viability of the private shuttle service operated by Associated Cab, company officials told aldermen Wednesday.

"We might have to rethink our operation," Cam Naghshineh, general manager of Allied Limousine, said to the city's transportation committee.

Naghshineh and Associated Cab head Roger Richard said the city should shut down Route 300, which they described as simultaneously a waste of taxpayer dollars and unfair competition to their business.

Ald. Andre Chabot said the city has created an uneven playing field that threatens the viability of the private shuttle service, which offers the advantage of dropping passengers off exactly where they want to go.

"We may lose that enhanced level of service and then people will have to fall back on the sub-standard service, if you will, that we provide through the public transportation system," Chabot said.

Route 300 sees about 1,000 riders a day, according to a city report, with about a third getting on and off at the airport and the rest at other points along Centre Street.

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Michael Joseph flashes his $8 ticket before hopping on Calgary Transit's airport shuttle bus. METRO FILE

# Woman's body found in middle of S.W. road

**Questions remain.** Police urge anyone with information to come forward after death and crash occur over short time frame

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Police were still working to piece together details after a cab driver spotted a woman lying in the middle of the road early Wednesday.

EMS pronounced her dead on scene in the community of Sunalta at 15 Avenue and 15 Street S.W. at around 4 a.m. Right around that same time, a heavily damaged vehicle was discovered at the intersection of 12 Avenue and First Street S.W.

"As this point, they are being treated as distinct incidents until evidence proves otherwise," said police duty Insp. Rick Tuza. "We don't know what we're dealing with."

One person connected to the damaged vehicle was being interviewed Wednesday afternoon, Tuza said.

Multiple blocks were cordoned off as the victim's body remained hidden under a tarp. Officers could also be seen checking vehicles in nearby areas, including the parking lot at Scarboro United Church.

Numerous onlookers at the church couldn't help but wonder what happened.

"I have never seen anything like this in this area," said Musa Khazayev, who's been attending a program at the church the past few months. "It's not something you expect to see, that's for sure."

Tuza said police will work to "cover all bases" before releasing any further information.

Autopsy

**An autopsy on the victim found in the Sunalta Wednesday was scheduled for Thursday morning, Insp. Rick Tuza told reporters. Her identity had not been released.**

A large area is seen cordoned off Wednesday morning at 15 Avenue and 15 Street S.W. after a body was discovered lying in the middle of the road. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

## 'Struggling'. Wanted: Art space, say officials

Long-term planning for artist spaces in Calgary is crucial, say officials, following news that Calgary's downtown culture hub Art Central is likely to close.

Ald. Druh Farrell said learning that the building, which is in her ward, is likely to be redeveloped was bittersweet.

"It's certainly a loss for artists needing small spaces; however, it has been struggling," she said. Farrell said she sees facilities like Art Central needing financial support from government or a private partner.

"Art Central, it really highlights the issue of long-term support for these types of hubs."

President and CEO of Calgary Arts Development Terry Rock said the probable closure of Art Central speaks to a larger need for long-term strategies for artist space in the city.

"Space is going to be a linchpin in achieving our vision for the arts," he said, adding Calgary Arts Development released a long-term plan in 2007, and is currently working on further planning at artsplan.ca.

"We've just come off a year as Cultural Capital of Canada, we've seen the benefit of investing in arts and culture.... It's clearly on people's minds that this is the kind of thing that's important for our city."

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Art Central's owners are in discussions to redevelop the location. KATIE TURNER/METRO

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Bankview resident Terry MacKenzie, left, gives Ald. John Mar a tour of his neighbourhood Wednesday morning while a crew of city staff follows behind. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

# Pilot project putting 'boots on the ground'

**Walkabouts.** By strolling through neighbourhoods and talking with residents, the city hopes to better tailor services to individual communities

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City officials want to walk and talk with Calgarians to find out what they think would make their communities stronger.

It's a simple idea but one the city hopes will effectively address the needs of diverse neighbourhoods.

"It's going to be a conversation with the community, to determine what it is they love about their community," Ald. John Mar said Wednesday at a kick-off event for Calgary's "Inspiring Strong Neighbourhoods" pilot project.

A big part of that, Mar added, is simply going out into Calgary communities and walking around with area residents, listening to their priorities and concerns.

"There's nothing better than boots on the ground," Mar said.

With that information, the city plans to tailor its services — and those delivered in partnership with higher levels of governments — to better suit hyper-local needs and desires.

That came as welcome news for Terry MacKenzie, a 31-year Bankview resident, who walked with Mar and a team of city employees through his neighbourhood Wednesday morning.

"We are one of the oldest communities in the city, and I've been saying lately we're almost one of the forgotten ones," MacKenzie said.

Bankview's mix of long-term residents and short-term renters and its burgeoning population of "cultural creatives" make for a unique community with unique needs, MacKenzie said.

"I love the fact that we're having people walk around the community with us today," he said.

**Details**

- Bankview was one of 12 communities selected for the pilot project.
- Longtime city bylaw head Bill Bruce is serving as the project lead.
- "What it's about is learning what's most important to the people in a community," Bruce said.

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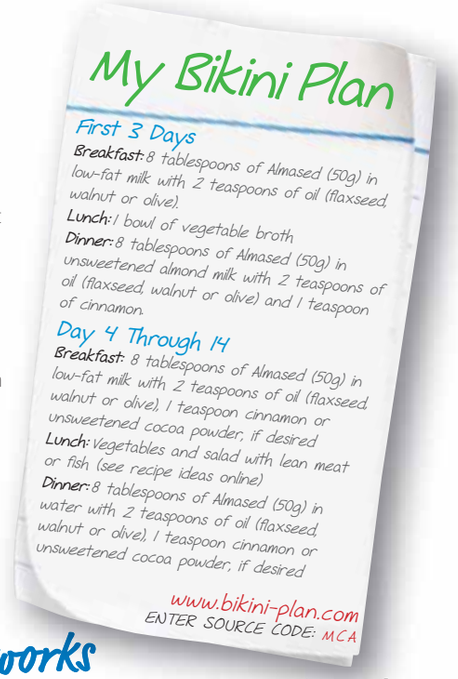
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# Calgary tops best-cities list

**MoneySense.**
Magazine credited economy, income and job opportunities

Calgarians have bragging rights thanks to a recent ranking by MoneySense magazine that named Calgary the best city to live in.

According to MoneySense, Calgary's rise to the top is largely due to its strong economy, high incomes and job opportunities.

"I've lived in Calgary for 20 years now," said Steven Neilson. "There's a little bit of everything and the people are quite friendly."

Fellow Calgarian Robert Murray added, "It's nice to live in this city. I don't speak for all Calgarians but this is a great city."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said, "It's always nice to get external accolades.

"It's great to see a Canadian publication understand that this is the best place to live in the world."

Calgary, which has been slowly climbing the rankings for several years, knocked Ottawa from the top spot. Among other Canadian cities, Toronto jumped from No. 47 to 28 due to its steady population growth, while Edmonton was third in the large-cities category.

"It's really important for Canada that we have great cities," Nenshi said. "It's great to get some recognition for that." DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

**Here's why**

According to MoneySense:

- **Average Calgary house price:** $394,550
- **Average household income:** $125,733
- **Population growth:** 6.56%
- **Home ownership:** It takes about 3.14 years for the average Calgarian to buy a home.

Brian Fjeldheim

## Elections boss for province resigns

Alberta's chief electoral officer says he doesn't want to be reappointed when his term expires next month.

In a release, Brian Fjeldheim thanks his staff for their loyalty and support during a "very challenging time."

Fjeldheim's office has been investigating allegations of illegal campaign donations to the governing Progressive Conservatives.

At the end of January, he released a report that said there were 45 cases of illegal contributions to the Tories — totalling just over $20,000 — in 2010 and 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Calgary bust. Drugs, loaded weapons seized

Loaded weapons, like this one pictured here, were seized in raids on four Calgary homes. CONTRIBUTED/CALGARY POLICE

After a six-month-long investigation, the Calgary police guns and gangs unit says it has seized drugs and weapons from several homes around the city.

On March 8, officers executed a search warrant at four residences in four quadrants of the city: at Costa Mesa Close N.E., Sage Valley Green N.W., 44 Street S.E. and Silverado Saddle Avenue S.W.

Inside the homes, investigators found a Sig Sauer semi-automatic, a .45-calibre handgun with ammunition nearby, a loaded AK-47 machine gun and half a kilogram of cocaine, valued at nearly $50,000.

Manuel Heribert Flores, 26, Ericka Fernanda Vasquez, 20, and Pablo Humberto Iribe, 20, are facing charges of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking as well as several firearms-related charges. METRO

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# Car-seat checkstop focuses on child safety

**'All about education.'**
City cops on the lookout for common child-restraint errors

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Calgary police and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) have been focusing for the month of March on proper restraints and keeping kids safe.

Police set up a checkstop Wednesday on Falconridge Boulevard to inspect car-seat setups.

"We're inspecting car seats and making sure drivers and passengers are wearing their seatbelts properly," said Const. Jim Lebedeff.

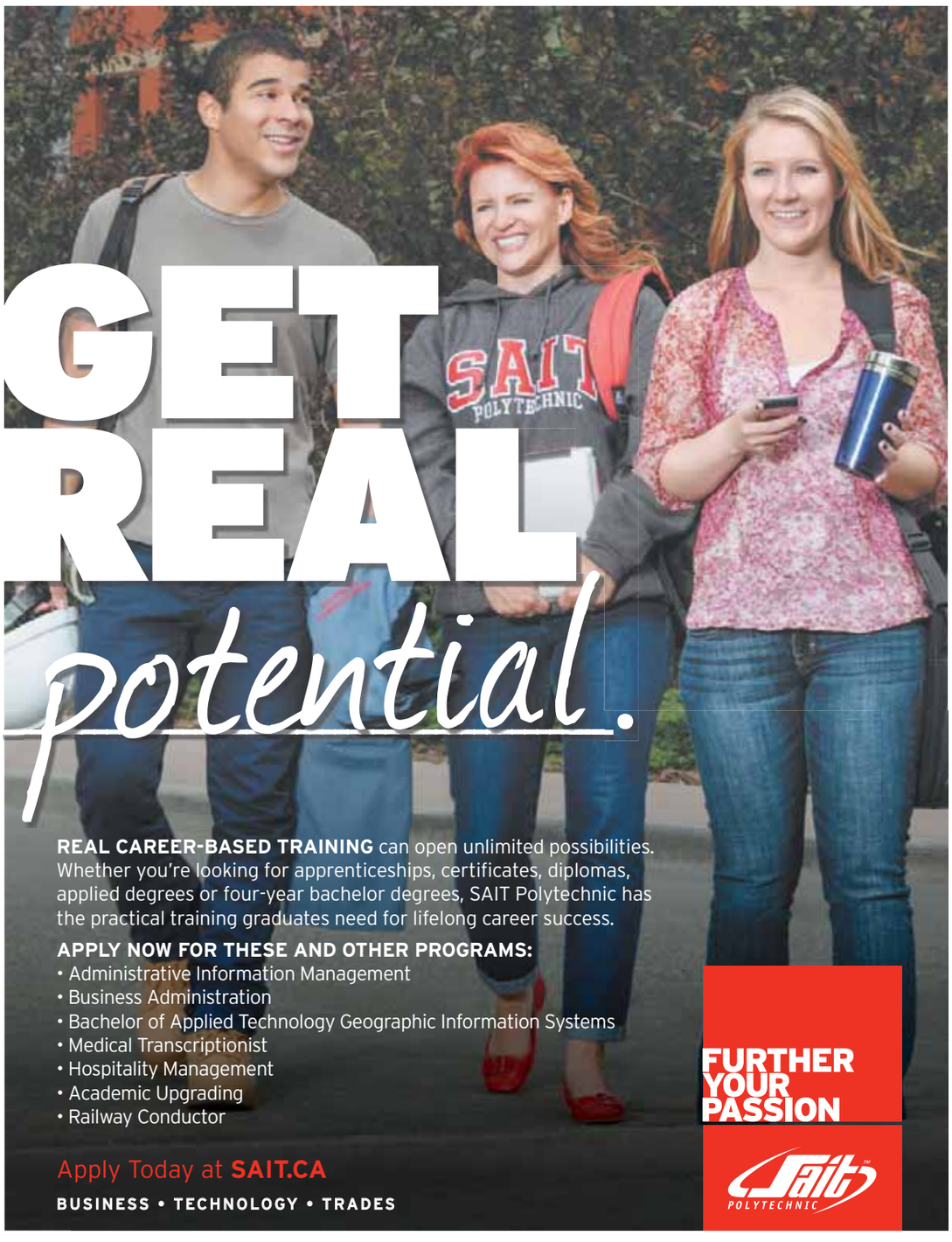
"It's all about education and safety for the kids."

Calgarians caught violating car-seat guidelines are being asked to bring their tickets and attend a class, run by Calgary Police Service and Alberta Health Services, called "Every ride a safe ride," where drivers can get a hands-on experience in properly securing car and baby seats.

"We tell people to come to this class and bring their tickets with them and we'll actually take the tickets back," said Lebedeff.

According to CPS, in 2012 there were approximately 4,500 occupant-restraint violations involving drivers and passengers, including children, not wearing seatbelts.

Const. Mike Hagen explains the inspection of child seats during a checkstop on Falconridge Boulevard. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO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## Lawyer. Violence a way of life for teens who killed sleeping boy, 5, on reserve

Lawyers for three teens who shot at a house on an Alberta reserve, killing a five-year-old boy sleeping in his bed, argue their clients' tragic childhoods in a desolate community should be considered before punishment is handed out.

They told a sentencing hearing Wednesday that violence was a way of life on the Samson Cree First Nation, one of four reserves in the community Hobbema, about an hour's drive south of Edmonton.

All three came from homes filled with fighting, drinking and drugs. They were neglected and spent time in and out of foster care. Then they joined gangs.

Crown prosecutor Trent Wilson acknowledged the oldest youth in the case has talked about how he felt compelled to join a gang because violence was everywhere. But he said their sad childhood stories are no excuse for killing little Ethan Yellowbird.

"Not everybody who has a troubled background becomes a thug," he said. "These guys had choices."

Court has heard the three teens — 13, 16 and 17 at the time — were hanging out with one another one night in July 2011. They came up with a plan to walk to a nearby house and shoot it up.

They were arrested six months later. In November, they pleaded guilty to manslaughter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Budget cuts. U of C senior officials have salaries frozen until mid-2014

Senior officials with the University of Calgary have frozen their salaries in light of a tough provincial budget.

Announced Wednesday, 45 members, including President Dr. Elizabeth Cannon, will not see any raises effective through to June 30, 2014. The move will save the university roughly $500,000, a representative said.

Cannon said Tuesday that the university did not intend to reduce student intake even in the face of a $38-million reduction in provincial funding.

"It's not just making rash decisions," she added. "We have to be very careful, because if there are things that are unique, that are serving a very important role in our internal university community and externally, we don't want to give those up."

Faculty and students will meet to discuss the budget at the first of two town hall meetings Thursday. Fellow Calgary post-secondary institution Mount Royal University already appears primed to suspend an engineering transfer program and end the leases at two nursing assessment centres in Calgary and Edmonton.

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**By the numbers**

**45**

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# ‘Just watch me’ be PM: Trudeau

**Scribbled reply.** Liberal leadership contender echoes father’s words

The confident reply. CONTRIBUTED/IMGUR.COM; INSET: FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forty-two years after it was first uttered, the Trudeau challenge is back.

“Just watch me,” Justin Trudeau scribbled in a note on Tuesday night, when a fellow passenger on his flight, Michael Kydd, asked whether the Liberal leadership contender could defeat Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Trudeau replied by invoking his father’s famous phrase during the FLQ crisis of 1970, when a band of Quebec separatists kidnapped a British diplomat and a cabinet minister.

Then-Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was asked how far he would go in the suspension of civil liberties during the crisis.

“Well, just watch me,” he said at the time.

It turns out Kydd will be “just watching” Trudeau, however. Kydd acknowledged he’s a lifelong Conservative.

Harper’s communications director, Andrew MacDougall, was having some fun, too, by putting out his own scribbled note on Wednesday. A photo was posted on Twitter with a question: “Hey Andrew, what do you think about Justin Trudeau’s ‘just watch me’ quote?”

The reply: “Fuddle Duddle! Andrew.”

(“Fuddle duddle” was what Pierre Trudeau claimed he said during a stormy session in the Commons. Others said it was a well-known obscenity.)

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## ‘Ugly’ politics. Commons speaker forced to break up partisan name-calling

Things certainly got a bit ugly in the House of Commons.

With opposition accusations flying over the resignation last week of Labrador MP Peter Penashue, Prime Minister Stephen Harper again heaped praise on his former intergovernmental affairs minister.

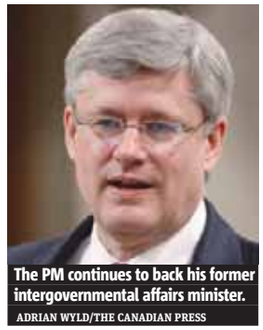
Harper told the Commons he expected the Conservatives would run a clean campaign in a byelection in which Penashue has pledged to run.

But he also suggested the Liberals were already running a “negative, ugly campaign” against Penashue.

That prompted an exchange with interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, with the Commons speaker forced to break up the verbal melee.

Rae told the House the Conservatives had only to look in the mirror if they wanted to see ugly.

Penashue resigned his cabinet post and his seat in the Commons last week after Elections Canada found his election campaign had accepted 28 ineligible donations.


The PM continues to back his former intergovernmental affairs minister. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He has since pledged to run in a byelection and is being supported by the prime minister, even though Elections Canada is continuing to investigate.

The opposition parties have accused Harper of acting immorally by allowing Penashue to run in a byelection after being caught “buying” his last election.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

**$2.4-billion hike**

### Nuclear waste spikes deficit

A sudden $2.4-billion revision to Canada’s nuclear liabilities has crept up on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and substantially deepened the deficit for the current fiscal year.

The Atomic Energy of Canada quietly announced Tuesday night that the expected long-term cost for disposing of nuclear waste has risen.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

**B.C. Court of Appeal**

### Assisted suicide ban called ‘torture’

Forcing patients to suffer agonizing deaths without the power to ask a doctor to end their lives is like “torture,” a lawyer told the B.C. Court of Appeal Wednesday. Joseph Arvay said the ban leads patients to end their lives early because they know they won’t receive help if they become debilitated later.

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# Live deer in trunk of car gives officer a big surprise

**Police investigating.** Owner of car says he thought he had killed the deer, but it was probably just stunned

Talk about junk in the trunk.

A public safety officer checking a suspicious car parked behind a southwestern Michigan motel early Tuesday was more than a little surprised when a deer climbed out of the trunk, stumbled onto the road and bolted into nearby woods.

TV stations WWMT, WZZM and WOOD report that the driver told Kalamazoo officer David Miller he hit the deer on the road — thought he had killed it — and was taking it home for his family to eat.

Squad car dashboard camera footage shows Miller opening the trunk, then quickly trying to close it as he spots the deer. The animal escapes from the trunk, rear first, stumbles and rolls, then dashes off.

Lt. Stacey Geik says the collision probably just stunned the deer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stealing sap

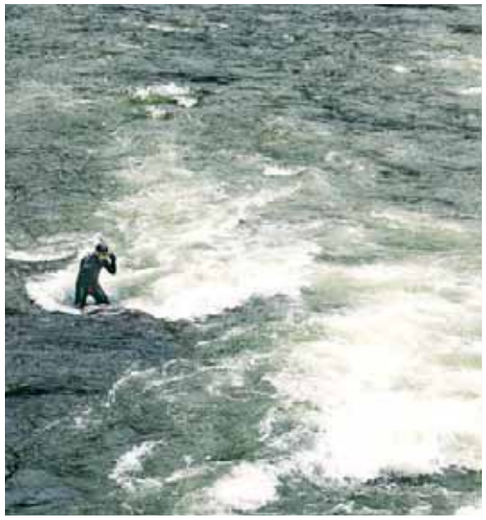
## Thieves illegally tap maple trees

Thieves are illegally tapping maple trees on private property in Maine and stealing sap that is used to make maple syrup.

Forest Ranger Jeff Currier says the Maine Forest Service has gotten a dozen complaints from landowners finding taps in their trees with buckets or jugs underneath to collect the sap.

Currier says he first started getting sap theft reports about five years ago, but says the number of complaints is up this year. No arrests have been made, but the culprits could face theft, malicious mischief and trespassing charges.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says a gallon of Maine syrup has sold for about $50 US a gallon on average at retail in recent years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Not for the faint of heart

Russ Ricketts of Leavenworth, Wash., climbs up on a rock March 14 in the Wenatchee River in Tumwater Canyon near Leavenworth to get a better view of the rapids ahead. He'll often scout rapids, looking for entrapments and eddies, before entering a river. To Ricketts and Matt Collins, also of Leavenworth, North Central Washington is a snorkeling mecca. The two men do this all year. MIKE BONNICKSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Networks crash at S. Korean banks, media companies

**Cyberattack.** North Korea is suspected of being behind the attack that paralyzed ATMs across the country

An employee works near a computer with an error message at the Seoul newsroom of all-news cable channel YTN as the South Korean broadcaster's computer network was paralyzed on Wednesday. Computer networks at major South Korean banks and top TV broadcasters crashed en masse. YONHAP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A cyberattack caused computer networks at major South Korean banks and top TV broadcasters to crash simultaneously Wednesday, paralyzing bank machines across the country and prompting speculation of North Korean involvement.

Screens went blank at 2 p.m., the state-run Korea Information Security Agency said, and more than seven hours later some systems were still down.

Police and South Korean officials couldn't immediately determine responsibility and North Korea's state media made no immediate comments on the shutdown. But some experts suspected a cyberattack orchestrated by Pyongyang. The rivals have exchanged threats amid joint U.S.-South Korean military drills and in the wake of UN sanctions meant to punish North Korea over its nuclear test last month.

The network paralysis took place just days after North Korea accused South Korea and the U.S. of staging a cyberattack that shut down its websites for two days last week. Loxley Pacific, the Thailand-based Internet service provider, confirmed the North Korean outage but did not say what caused it.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2011 massacre

## Norway sets $19M to fight terror

The Norwegian government has pledged an extra 109 million kroner ($19.4 million) this year to improve terror preparedness following the July 22, 2011, massacre when a right-wing extremist killed 77 people in a bomb attack and shooting rampage.

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Potential arms race

## N. Korean bank sanctions sought

A senior Republican lawmaker pushing for tougher U.S. banking sanctions on North Korea says the isolated nation's development of a nuclear weapon could trigger an atomic arms race in East Asia. House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Ed Royce said Wednesday that South Korea, Japan and Taiwan might seek nuclear weapons if Pyongyang miniaturizes a nuclear warhead it can mount on a missile. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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# Regime, rebels call for probe of alleged chemical attack

**Syrian civil war.** Both sides blame each other for the incident without offering clear proof

Syria's government and rebels on Wednesday both demanded an international investigation into an alleged chemical-weapons attack, as the country's feared arsenal became the latest propaganda tool in the two-year-old civil war.

President Barack Obama said the United States is investigating whether chemical weapons have been deployed in Syria, but noted that he is "deeply skeptical" of claims by President Bashar Assad's regime that rebel forces were behind such an attack.

Syrian girls paint their faces with colours of the Syrian revolutionary flag during a festival in Aleppo, Syria, Wednesday. AMC/ALEPPO MEDIA CENTRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Once we establish the facts, I have made clear that the use of chemical weapons is a game changer," Obama said in a news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

The use of chemical weapons by either side is a nightmare scenario. Along with its warnings about Assad, the West is just as concerned that rebel forces, including some linked to al-Qaida, could get their hands on Syria's chemical-weapons supplies.

Despite the importance, any clear confirmation of the nature of the attack that took place Tuesday in the northern village of Khan al-Assal, killing at least 31 people, is unlikely. Syria's government seals off areas it controls to journalists and outside observers.

If confirmed, it would be the first time a chemical weapon has been used in Syria's war that has already killed an estimated 70,000 people.

Syria's UN Ambassador Bashar Jaafari called the attack "very serious and alarming and unacceptable and unethical." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tensions with Iran. Obama pledges support for Israel

Eager to reassure an anxious ally, U.S. President Barack Obama on Wednesday promised to work closely with Israel and do whatever is necessary to keep Iran from obtaining nuclear arms, "the world's worst weapons."

Obama, meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his first visit to the Jewish state as president, said of Iran's nuclear ambitions: "We prefer to resolve this diplomatically and there is still time to do so." But he added that "all options are on the table" if diplomacy falls short.

Netanyahu, at Obama's side for a joint news conference, said that while he appreciated U.S. efforts to thwart Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons through diplomacy and sanctions, those tools "must be augmented by a clear and credible threat of military action."

Seeking to alter a perception among many Israelis that his government has been less supportive of Israel than previous U.S. administrations, Obama declared the U.S.-Israeli alliance "eternal." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu after a joint news conference in Jerusalem, Wednesday. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Egypt**

### Judges suggest dissolving Muslim Brotherhood

A panel of judges has recommended the dissolution of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group from which President Mohammed Morsi hails. The recommendation is significant given charges that the Brotherhood is the real power behind Morsi. The recommendation was made to a high administrative court expected to rule this month in a case over the Brotherhood's legitimacy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Ban lifted**

### Jews of Egypt film to air in cinemas

The director of a documentary on Egypt's Jewish community says authorities have lifted a ban on showing the film in local cinemas. The Jews of Egypt follows the lives of the community in the 20th century. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ethan Yellowbird

## Boy's teen killers say they're sorry

Three teens convicted in the shooting death of a five-year-old Alberta boy have apologized. Each of the youths, who can't be identified, told Ethan Yellowbird's family they were sorry for taking the young boy's life.

The trio came up with a plan to shoot at the house on the Samson Cree reserve in July 2011, and a bullet went through a wall and struck Ethan in the head as he was sleeping in his bed.

The teens have pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

The Crown has asked that all three serve the maximum youth sentence — two years in custody followed by one year of supervision. Defence lawyers are seeking sentences from as little as six months in open custody to as much as one year behind bars for their clients. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen football players

## Girl, 13, taunted in sexual-assault case

Two members of the Torrington, Conn. High School football team have been charged with sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl, who has been taunted on social media sites in recent weeks by dozens of classmates upset at the allegations.

The Register Citizen reports the two 18-year-old football players, Edgar Gonzalez and Joan Toribio, have been charged with felony second-degree sexual assault and other crimes in an investigation that began last month. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Details of the allegations are sealed from public view.

The newspaper reports social media posts by classmates taunting the accuser have included vulgar language and blamed her for ruining the players' lives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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Philip Lane Jr., of the American Yankton Sioux Nation, said Wednesday native groups south of the border will stand with their Canadian cousins in their protest of Northern Gateway and Keystone XL pipelines. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'We're going to stop these pipelines'

**First Nations.** Aboriginal groups say stakes are so high, they'll keep fighting Keystone XL and Northern Gateway

An alliance of First Nations leaders is preparing to fight proposed new pipelines in the courts and through unspecified direct action.

Native leaders from Canada and the United States were on Parliament Hill Wednesday to underline opposition to both the Northern Gateway and Keystone XL pipelines.

The first would tie the Alberta oilsands to the West Coast, while the second would send bitumen to refineries on the American Gulf Coast.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said the federal government is consulting with First Nations and is ready to hear their concerns.

"We're making every effort to respond to the concerns we have heard on the West Coast," he said after a caucus meeting.

"They want to do the best for their communities and we want to do the best for their communities as well. So I remain very hopeful."

Some of the chiefs brushed off the federal government's appointment this week of a special envoy to look at tensions between natives and the energy industry.

Chief Allan Adam of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation said natives are determined to block the pipelines.

"It's going to be a long, hot summer," he said at a news conference.

Phil Lane Jr. of the American Yankton Sioux said native groups south of the border will stand with their Canadian cousins.

"We're going to stop these pipelines one way or another," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Targeted? Shooter kills head of Colorado prisons

Colorado's top state prison official was shot and killed when he answered the front door of his house, setting off a hunt for the shooter and raising questions about whether the attack had anything to do with his job.

Tom Clements, 58, was shot around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Monument, north of Colorado Springs, and a witness reported a person driving away in a dark-coloured "boxy" car that had its engine running at the time of the shooting, authorities said.

Investigators were exploring all possibilities, including that the shooting could have been related to Clements' job as executive director of the Colorado Department of Corrections.

While the motive of the killing wasn't immediately clear, similar attacks on officials have been on the rise in the U.S., said Glenn McGovern, a California investigator who tracks such incidents worldwide.

The attacks are often motivated by revenge, said McGovern, who has documented more than 133 attacks since 1950. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Pregnancy. DNA from three researched to prevent passing on genetic diseases

Britain's fertility regulator says it has found broad public support for in vitro fertilization techniques that allow babies to be created with DNA from three people for couples at risk of passing on potentially fatal genetic diseases.

It also found there was no evidence to suggest the techniques were unsafe, but said further research was still necessary.

Critics, however, slammed the decision as a breach of ethics, saying there were already safe methods like egg donation to allow people to have children without mitochondria defects.

Britain's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority began a public discussion of the topic at the government's request last year.

"Although some people have concerns about the safety of these techniques, we found that they trust the scientific experts and the regulator to know when it is appropriate to make them available to patients," Lisa Jardine, chair of the group, said in a statement Wednesday.

British law forbids altering a human egg or an embryo before transferring it into a woman, so such treatments are currently only allowed for research. Similar research is going on in the U.S.

About one in 200 children every year in Britain is born with a mitochondrial disorder. Mistakes in the mitochondria's genetic code can result in serious diseases.

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**Genetic-disease research**

**"The sole aim (is) preventing a potentially fatal condition from being passed down to the next generation."**

**Marita Polschmidt,** director of research at the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign

## All-smiles with Baby on Board

The Duchess of Cambridge smiles at the Queen after she receives a "Baby on Board" badge. It's available to pregnant passengers on London's Tube to let others know they may need a seat. The Royals were celebrating the underground's 150th anniversary. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# OMA. Ontario doctors want crackdown on antibiotic use in farming

The Ontario Medical Association wants the federal and provincial governments to crack down on antibiotic use in farming.

The organization is issuing a call to arms on the problem of antibiotic resistance, warning the world is in danger of losing these drugs because of misuse.

A policy paper drafted by the OMA says Ontario should ban the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in food-animal production.

Farmers currently feed antibiotics to healthy animals both to prevent them from becoming ill and to accelerate growth.

Many more tonnes of the drugs are used in agricultural operations than in human medicine and experts say the practice is fuelling development of resistance.

OMA president Dr. Doug Weir says Canada has been slower off the mark to act to protect antibiotics than countries in Europe and the United States. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has barred the disease-prevention use of a class of antibiotics called cephalosporins in animal production, but the practice is not banned in Canada.

The OMA says governments should close loopholes that allow farmers to import the drugs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**'A serious problem'**

**OMA president Dr. Doug Weir says Canadians do not appear to understand that if antibiotic use isn't curbed, the world faces a future in which some infections will be incurable.**

- The OMA wants access to antibiotics for agricultural operations to be limited to cases where veterinarians write prescriptions. Currently farmers use the drugs without surveillance.


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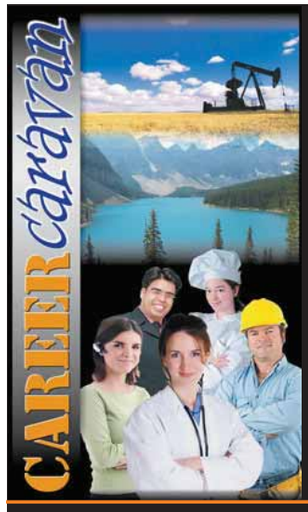


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# Witness draws federal parties into Quebec corruption inquiry

**No followup.** Lawyer's questioning about donation of fake-billing proceeds to political parties leads to revelation

Quebec's corruption inquiry has heard that illegal political financing happened beyond the world of provincial politics and also permeated the federal level.

The issue, briefly raised Wednesday at the inquiry, was vaguely addressed and immediately dropped.

An engineering executive was describing how he used fake-billing schemes to funnel cash from his company to parties as illegal provincial contributions.

Then, when asked whether he used that practice to contribute to federal parties, Rosaire Sauriol, the vice-president of Dessau Inc., responded, "Yes."

And that was it. There were no more details about which parties might have received the cash, how much they received, and when they received it.

The mandate of Quebec's corruption inquiry does not extend to the federal level — so any questions about politics beyond the province are deemed out-of-bounds.

But Sauriol's answer is enough to raise questions about whether federal parties were financed with illegal cash and, if so, which ones. There have been limits since 2004 on corporate donations to federal parties; corporate donations were banned entirely in 2006.

The events that Sauriol has been describing in his testimony occurred as late as 2009.

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Rosaire Sauriol, vice-president at Dessau, is seen in a screegrab from a video feed as he testifies at the Charbonneau inquiry looking into corruption in the Quebec construction industry on Wednesday in Montreal.

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**Widening scope**

## *More than provincial*

Wednesday's brief exchange was a rare example of the inquiry tiptoeing, however gingerly, beyond the confines of Quebec provincial politics.

The inquiry has also twice raised the name of Sen. Leo Housakos — although he has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

At one point this week, an inquiry lawyer suddenly began asking the head of another engineering firm, BPR, about the senator's work and the company and his appointment to the upper chamber of the Parliament of Canada.

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# Wrongfully accused? N.Y. prosecutors ask judge to free convicted killer

A man put behind bars for the 1990 killing of a Brooklyn rabbi was on the verge of freedom Wednesday after prosecutors told a judge they support tossing out his conviction.

David Ranta was to appear Thursday in state court, where a judge will rule on a defence motion to vacate his second-degree murder conviction.

Based on its own re-investigation of the case, the Brooklyn District Attorney's office filed papers on Wednesday supporting the motion. They also told the judge they want the murder indictment dismissed, since they "no longer have sufficient evidence to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt."

If the judge agrees, the 58-year-old Ranta could walk out the courtroom Thursday afternoon as a free man.

On Feb. 8, 1990, Rabbi Chaskel Werzberger, a leader of the Satmar Hasidic community, was shot in the head by a man fleeing a botched robbery.

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**Catching a kingpin**

## Jamaican residents demand justice for deadly 2010 raid

Residents of a battle-scarred slum once controlled by Jamaica's biggest underworld boss rallied Wednesday to demand accountability and justice for a deadly 2010 raid into their community that failed to catch him.

Demonstrators marched to Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller's offices. Most were from Tivoli Gardens, a public-housing complex in Kingston once run by Christopher (Dudus) Coke, where at least 73 civilians were killed when security forces conducted an offensive during a state of emergency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# State's offer of aid to gun maker pulled 4 days after shooting

**Newtown, Conn.**
School killings appear to be a secondary factor in ending deal

Just days before 20 children and six educators were killed at a Connecticut school in December, state development officials offered the maker of the rifle used in the massacre a $1-million loan to bring new jobs to the state.

The offer, capping six months of negotiations between the Department of Economic and Community Development and Freedom Group, was dropped after private-equity firm Cerberus Capital Management announced it would sell Freedom Group, manufacturer of the Bushmaster AR-15.

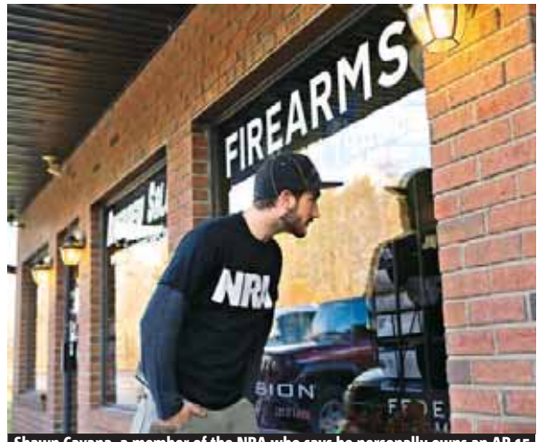
The deal was ended four days after the killings, according to a letter released in response to an open-records request.

**The deal**

In a Dec. 6 letter — eight days before the shootings at Sandy Hook — the administration of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy offered a $1-million loan at two per cent interest for 10 years to encourage gun maker Freedom Group to move its corporate headquarters to Stamford from North Carolina. The state would forgive $550,000 in exchange for the creation of 25 jobs.

The Hartford Courant first reported the deal.

Deputy agency commissioner Ronald Angelo said Wednesday that Cerberus' announcement made the deal untenable. The announced sale led to several "cordial, amicable" phone conversations between the state and the company about the deal no longer being workable. He said the killings also were a factor.



Shawn Cavana, a member of the NRA who says he personally owns an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle, looks into the Riverview Gun Sales shop while gun shopping with friends in East Windsor, Conn. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

"It would be naive to think that that would not weigh on people's minds," he said, referring to the shooting deaths.

Days after the killings, investors started to avoid some of the nation's largest gun makers. Cerberus Capital Management announced it would sell the maker of the rifle used in the massacre, which it called a "watershed event."

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# All giant squid likely belong to one species: Study

**Supersized sea beasts.** Tentacled behemoths are among largest invertebrates on Earth, reaching up to 18 metres in length

A giant squid attacks bait.
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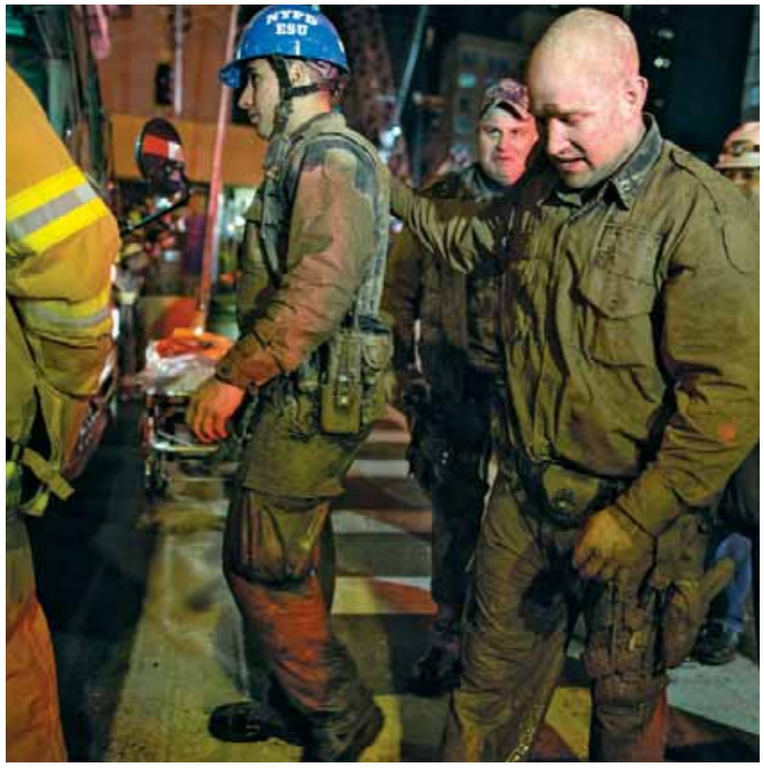
They're the stuff of myth and B-grade horror movies, giant tentacled sea monsters roaming the deep in search of prey.

Giant squid have turned up on East Coast shores for hundreds of years, and now new research is shining some light on the sea monsters.

An international team headed by Danish researchers tested DNA samples from 43 giant squid from around the world — including a specimen from Newfoundland — and were stunned to find that there is likely just a single species of the massive cephalopod.

The genetic diversity among the samples was lower than almost any species ever reported, said Tom Gilbert, a researcher from the Natural History Museum of Denmark at the University of Copenhagen.

"That lack of diversity and no population structure is just crazy. We just cannot explain it easily once you start thinking that this is an animal that lives everywhere," Gilbert said in an email interview. The study, published Wednesday, left researchers with several theories, including that they may have come close to extinction and rebounded. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Trapped worker rescued in New York City

Officers of the New York City police Emergency Services Unit, covered in mud and dirt, walk to a waiting bus to warm up after securing the rescue of a construction worker trapped underground at an MTA subway-construction project in New York early Wednesday. The worker was trapped for several hours.

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty puts on his annual pre-budget shoes at the Roots Leather Factory in Toronto on Wednesday. A cabinet colleague has criticized Flaherty's intervention in the mortgage market. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Flaherty shouldn't have messed with mortgage rates, Tory minister says

Not everyone in the Conservative cabinet is backing Jim Flaherty's latest intervention in the mortgage market.

Small Business Minister Maxime Bernier says he believes the finance minister overstepped his bounds by having his office phone Manulife Financial and ask that they withdraw their discount on five-year mortgages to 2.89 per cent from 3.09.

Bernier told reporters Wednesday he would not have done it. "Me, personally, I would not dictate to businesses what prices to decide," he said. "It's the market. It's supply and demand that decides the prices. It is the case for interest rates, it is the case for other products too."

**Dissension in the ranks**

**"Me, personally, I would not dictate to businesses what prices to decide."**

Small Business Minister Maxime Bernier

In the House of Commons, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair asked which minister — Bernier or Flaherty — speaks for the government. "Which minister has the prime minister's confidence, the minister of small business or the minister of finance?"

Prime Minister Stephen Harper did not respond directly but did appear to echo Flaherty's justification for intervening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Social-media giants ignoring Canadian privacy laws: Report

**Personal data.** Sites are supposed to let users know what information is being collected about them — but they rarely do, a researcher says

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A University of Victoria researcher notes that while some social-media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, do provide automated ways for users to access their personal data, they do not let users see all of that information. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Many of the most prominent social-media companies are failing to comply with Canadian privacy laws, says a new report.

The study, authored by University of Victoria researcher Chris Parsons, found sites like Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr are "lacking at best, and entirely negligent at worst" when it comes to things like letting users know what kind of information is collected about them.

Schedule 1 of Canada's Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) requires social-networking sites, upon request, to hand over information about "the existence, use and disclosure of ... personal information."

However, when Parsons and his colleagues filed such requests, only six of the 18 companies queried even responded, and those that did either refused to provide any information or offered incomplete data.

While Google, Facebook and Twitter do provide automated methods for users to access their information, Parsons says users are still unable to get all of their personal information. In particular, he and his colleagues weren't given the "metadata" that companies attached to their social-media posts.

"We argue that metadata is content," he said. "And when we understand the metadata, we can understand how corporations and law enforcement use that data."

For example, metadata can tell a company like Facebook or Twitter how often you're upgrading your cellphone or what kind of computer you're using. This information can then be sold to advertisers, or, in a case highlighted by the Wall Street Journal, be used to manage online pricing in order to charge more to certain consumers.

## Telemarketing. CRTC asks for public input on rules governing automated calls

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission is asking consumers and telemarketers for their views on how to reduce unwanted calls and is taking a close look at the rules for automated calls.

The CRTC is also asking for comment on a proposal by the Canadian Marketing Association to relax the rules restricting automatic calls for telemarketing.

The Canadian Marketing Association has proposed eliminating this restriction where an organization already has a business relationship with the party being called and has not made a request to be on the organization's internal do-not-call list, the CRTC said Wednesday.

The proposed change means that such calls would be allowed even if consumers have registered their numbers on the national do-not-call list, the CRTC noted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Do-not-call list**

- The CRTC oversees the national do-not-call list, which protects consumers from unwanted sales calls.

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**BlackBerry co-founders**

### $100M fund aims to make Waterloo leader in quantum computing

BlackBerry co-founders Mike Lazaridis and Doug Fregin have established a $100-million fund to commercialize quantum computing, an emerging field they say could revolutionize information technology.

They say the Waterloo, Ont., region could be a focal point for new jobs and new industries, much as California's Silicon Valley became a hub for advances in conventional computing.

Fregin, 53, retired in 2007 after serving as vice-president of operations. Lazaridis is the more prominent of the two, having served as co-chairman and co-CEO until early last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Points and perks**

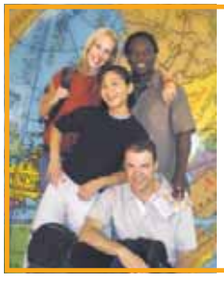
### Starbucks expands loyalty program

Starbucks is offering a novel perk to get more people to sign up for its loyalty program: Letting members earn points when they buy bags of its coffee at supermarkets. The company said at its annual meeting Wednesday that the new perk will roll out in May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Mobile payments**

### Rogers offers up more 'tap and pay' enabled phones

Rogers is offering seven more smartphones that allow consumers to do mobile payments at "tap and pay" terminals across the country. The devices are enabled with a short-range wireless technology, called near field communications, that transfers data when the smartphone is tapped against a contact-less terminal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# IT'S PRIME TIME FOR TV

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Sure, people are killing each other a lot these days, the economy always seems on the verge of collapsing, and the shrinking of chocolate bars continues unabated.

But you can't get me down, because this is the Golden Age of Television.

No other medium can compare. The Beatles came out with every style of pop music in the '60s, and musicians have been trying to catch up, copy or pay tribute ever since.

Movies peaked in the 1970s, when you could go watch The Godfather without being bombarded by tie-ins like a McBrando Triple Burger Combo complete with toy (Bullet-Riddled Sonny).

And the Internet, despite containing the total sum of human knowledge, hasn't figured out yet how to be more than society's porn stash.

But, ah, television. Television is in its sweet spot.

From masterpieces like The Wire and The Sopranos to epic works in progress like Game of Thrones and Mad Men, the last decade of television makes everything that came before it seem like Amateur 44 Minutes.

Just think: There was a time when people arguing the most complex character on television had to decide between Jed Clampett and Hoss Cartwright.

There was a time when the most impressive woman on television was Mary Tyler Moore because she had a job (!) and could throw that hat a lot higher than people believed possible with scrawny female arms.

There was a time when spoilers were only required for big summertime cliffhangers, like Who Borgified J.R.? It wasn't really required for, say, Home Improvement. ("This week, Tim Taylor (WARNING: SPOILER AHEAD) gets his wife mad at him and talks it out with Wilson. We'll discuss the repercussions of this shocker and what it means for the next 11 seasons.")

You can also see how far TV has come if you imagine current shows as old-style programs. "On a very special episode of Game of Thrones, Daenerys Stormborn has a heart-to-heart with her dragons when they take up smoking. King Joffrey enters a skateboarding competition, much to his mother's dismay. And Taylor Swift guest stars as Lady Diva Chanteuse, of House Brokenheart."

We can't even complain about bad television — and there's lots of it — because it's so easy to avoid now. Good TV is there for the buying, renting, streaming or downloading.

For the first time in its history, television has joined the best books and movies in rewarding an active mind. And we should grasp it while we can, because if popular culture has taught us anything, it's that the good stuff never lasts.

Whether this Golden Age of Television is a byproduct of our inability to deal with real-world wars, poverty and lack of chocolate on a planet that is spinning inexorably out of control is a question I will think about eventually — like, when Game of Thrones is over.

Shhh ... TV's on.

ZOOM

# An artist within the animal

## Works by four-legged, fin-footed and scaled creatures on display

Briana Velazquez and Christian Venegas look at footprints on canvas by the El Paso Zoo's elephants Tuesday inside the Asian Discovery Center.

Through Sunday, Texas' El Paso Zoo will be featuring the exhibit, called Color Coated, of paintings made by snakes, elephants, seals, meerkats and a few other creatures.

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A piece of artwork done by Ibu, a Sumatran orangutan, seen at the El Paso Zoo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comments

**RE: Lululemon Pulls Yoga Pants Off Shelves For Being Too Revealing, published March 19**

These pants are made in Asia and sold here for arms and legs! I'll never ever buy these ... the fake ones make my tush look just as nice! We all know people don't buy them for yoga ... C'MON!
**Too_Sense posted to metronews.ca**

Any publicity is good publicity, this is nothing more than a stunt.
**jordangreen posted to metronews.ca**

Some people DO buy them for yoga. Not everyone is a poser. It is not that surprising that so many people pose as fitness buffs by wearing the clothes they wear. There are always knock-offs, and that's cool, but the reality is they were designed to do a job. It should be OK if the byproduct is that it is also sexy. Why is that such a problem? Isn't it up to the buyer if the clothes are too revealing or not?

Man, this is so messed up, I would be inclined to think it is at least in part publicity. Another "wardrobe malfunction" LOL.
**Ron Davies posted to metronews.ca**

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# She will, she will rock you

**Girls Rock Camp.** Nicola Lefevre's program offers workshops on all aspects of the industry

BACKSTAGE PASS
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**Calgary musician Nicola Lefevre is giving girls a chance to unleash their inner rock star during her week-long Girls Rock Camp at the New Black Centre.** LISA WILTON/FOR METRO

Joining a rock band in high school did wonders for Nicola Lefevre's self-confidence.

Now, the 34-year-old Calgary musician is helping teen and pre-teen girls experience that same confidence boost she felt after picking up a guitar for the first time.

Lefevre has organized her first Girls Rock Camp, which takes place next week at the youth-oriented New Black Centre.

"Music gave me something to be passionate about," she says.

"It allowed me to get to know people I probably wouldn't have met otherwise through playing and attending shows."

Lefevre's goal is to not only teach girls the basics of playing an instrument and writing a song, but also how to create a positive self image and express themselves through music.

"I certainly didn't reinvent anything," says Lefevre, who approached New Black owner Darren Ollinger in October with the idea to hold a Girls Rock Camp at the Inglewood music and arts venue.

"I just brought it here and made it fit to what we wanted to do and the sort of messages I wanted to get across, which were in line of the mission of Girls Rock Camps in other cities."

The program offers workshops on all aspects of the music industry from singing techniques and live performance to sound engineering and promotion.

While there are plenty of women in music for young girls to look up to, the industry is still a male dominated one.

"I want to show girls within this age group of 10 to 17 that they can be involved in music if they want to," says Lefevre.

"They can do it and there are other girls who are interested too."

Lefevre says not everyone who goes through Girls Rock Camp will come out wanting to be a rock star, but she hopes they will at least become more involved in music.

"Maybe they'll come out of the week wanting to be a band manager or a sound tech, or just come to shows," she says.

**More information**

- Local singer Miesha Louie, CJSW deejay Joan Sarro and photographer Theresa Smith are just a few of the mentors presenting workshops during the week long camp, which runs Mar. 25 to Mar. 30 at the New Black Centre (200, 919 – 9 Ave. S.W.)
- The public is invited to watch performances at by Girls Rock Camp participants, as well as a short set by Lefevre's band, Sequicons, on Mar. 30, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the New Black.
- Lefevre is planning another Rock Camp at the New Black this summer. For more information, email nicola@thenewblackcentre.com

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# Lily Tomlin. Actress was ready to bare it all in the name of feminism

Lily Tomlin says like her character in Admission, she's a feminist. HANDOUT

Admission is a romantic comedy, not an action movie, so it comes as something of a surprise that one of its stars wanted to advertise their physique with a scene in which they chop wood bare-chested in the forest. Even more surprising? That star was comedy legend Lily Tomlin. "I wanted to be in the woods chopping wood with my shirt off," Tomlin reveals about her character, a septuagenarian feminist whose adult life has been devoted to activism. "The character has a double mastectomy, and I think, I'll get a breastplate made like I've had a double mastectomy and I'll tattoo it to show another expression of her empowerment and how she's completely at ease with herself and accepts her female body."

Unfortunately, the actress landed the role too late to be able to follow through on her plan. But even without the requisite hardware she wanted to bare her body on screen, she reached into her own experiences in order to bare her character's soul.

"I am a feminist and I lived in those days of the movement," Tomlin explains. "And I know what it is as a human [to believe] in a certain philosophy or some doctrine — and you do not want to betray it."

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# Fey has an admission to make

**Princeton pass over.** Filming latest project brought up memories of rejection for comedian and writer

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Playing a gatekeeper deciding who does and doesn't get into Princeton in Admission brought some long-buried memories to the surface for Tina Fey. "It did remind me that I had actually applied to Princeton and had been rejected, but I felt OK about that," says Fey, who earned her bachelor's at the University of Virginia. "I didn't get mad when I was shooting on the Princeton campus. It was fine."

In fact, Fey credits her Pennsylvania upbringing for sparing her from much of the Ivy League anxiety forced upon other teenagers. "I wasn't growing up in some kind of private-school world where it was expected of you to try to get into an Ivy League school," she says. "I think there are people who grow up in a family where it's like, 'If you don't get into Harvard or Yale or Princeton, you're done!' I think that's craziness."

Though she made a name for creating her own characters — most notably Liz Lemon on 30 Rock, Fey came to Admission primarily as an actress. "I thought the character of Portia was interesting because I hadn't seen a movie about this world of college admissions before, and it is a world that's filled with so much anxiety and therefore humour for people on all sides of it," she says of her attraction to the project.

"I also liked that she's an adult and she is intelligent, and at the same time she still has this huge, explosive emotional thing happen in her life. I also thought it was an interesting story that you see these characters who are chasing motherhood and in pursuit of motherhood, and this is a character who decidedly did not want to be a mother but because of the given circumstances has to cope with the idea that maybe she is."

Tina Fey and Paul Rudd star in Admission, which opens Friday. HANDOUT

As for being a mother herself? "I'm in favour of it," Fey declares with a laugh.

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# David Bowie brings music to the movies

**Contribution to cinema.** The enigmatic musician has only had a few leading roles, but his CV is teeming with small, memorable supporting turns

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Movies have been kind to David Bowie. Where the tradition is for cinema to crush pop star hubris — just ask Madonna, Britney Spears and Mariah Carey — the one born David Jones has eked out a select but excellent filmic existence.

He's only had but a few leading roles — most notably 1976's The Man Who Fell to Earth — but his CV teems with small, memorable supporting turns: a cucumber-cool Pontius Pilate in The Last Temptation of Christ, a spot-on Andy Warhol in Basquiat, a movie-stealing Nikola Tesla in The Prestige and a deeply affecting performance as a dying vampire in the incoherent hot mess that is Tony Scott's The Hunger. (He's also very good as a co-lead in Nagisa Oshima's Japanese POW saga, Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence.)

It's too bad Bowie doesn't enjoy film acting. He's admitted finding movie sets to be artistically fallow, consisting of so much waiting around that he finds himself uninspired. (He hasn't acted in a film since a small role in 2008's August.)

But movies have also been great to his music. Yes, there are only about a thousand uses of Under Pressure. But other movies use his music in more creative ways.

In honour of The Next Day, Bowie's first album in more than a decade — and his best in ages — here's a smattering of Bowie's aural contributions to cinema.

David Bowie isn't a fan of acting. GETTY IMAGES / ALL OTHER PHOTOS ARE HANDOUTS

## Christiane F (1981)

Christiane F (Vera Christine Felscherinow) achieved fame when her life as a teenage heroin addict in West Germany became the non-fiction bestseller Christiane F — We Children of Bahnhof Zoo.

It then became a low-budget movie by Ulli Edel (Last Exit to Brooklyn, The Baader Meinhof Complex). A depressing film about teenage drug addiction might not have been a big draw, but it had an ace up its sleeve: David Bowie contributed songs and appeared as himself in gratuitous concert footage.

Because the film was set in the late '70s, the music hails from his Berlin Er a and you get Helden, the German version of Heroes. Today the film is perhaps best known as a soundtrack in the David Bowie section of music stores.

## Cat People (1982)

Paul Schrader's remake of Val Lewton's no-budget chiller about a woman who thinks she'll turn into a killer panther when sexually aroused is heavy and awesomely insane.

It saves its most poetically ridiculous moment for the end, which employs the slower, moodier version of Bowie's Cat People — also used to great effect in Inglourious Basterds — over a freeze frame of a sad panther face.

This holds for an entire verse before Schrader unpauses it for the song's chorus, then freeze frames it again!

## Labyrinth (1985)

The movie where Bowie, made up to look like a leopard in big '80s hair, plays a puppet king who wishes to marry a 15-year-old Jennifer Connelly. When she refuses, he does the next logical thing: kidnaps her baby brother and forces her to trawl through a puppet-laden maze. It's also a part-time musical. Screenplay by Terry Jones!

## Boy Meets Girl (1984)

Filmmaker Leos Carax is big again thanks to Holy Motors, but once upon a time he was the enfant terrible of French cinema and one of the major practitioners of the music video-heavy "cinema du look."

In his feature debut, Carax went to some of Bowie's earliest, when he was an incorrigible unknown cranking out whimsical Anthony Newley-esque songs. The result, a sequence set to the languid When I Live My Dream, is a lovely, lyrical moment capturing the pleasure of walking around Paris with Bowie booming in one's ears.

## Lost Highway (1997)

Bowie's 1995 album Outside is one of his better latter-day works, and two of its songs were put to excellent use in two excellent movies.

Seven got Heart's Filthy Lesson, while David Lynch's comeback film — after the disastrous and unfairly maligned Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me, which featured a bizarre cameo from Bowie — opened with the (literally) driving I'm Deranged.

## The Runaways (2010)

Dakota Fanning's Cherie Currie first exhibits her rock star prowess by lip synching and gyrating to Lady Grinning Soul while decked out in Aladdin Sane gear. That doesn't sound amazing when typed out, but it is.

## Mauvais Sang (1986)

Carax reached for his Bowie stack again for his sophomore effort — an arty neo-noir in which philosophical crook Denis Lavant (the shape-shifting star of Holy Motors) is in love with moll Juliette Binoche.

His passions manifest in a scene where, upon hearing Bowie's Modern Love on the radio, he runs top speed down a deserted city street at night, the song booming at 11. It's the most accurate portrayal of unbridled happiness caught on film and, like most moments of unbridled happiness, it's much too short.

## Dogville (2004)

Lars Von Trier's twisted homage to Our Town aims to be an indictment of America, in which strangers are first welcomed and then exploited by a cruel society.

To drive this point home, he ends the film with a montage of photos of American devastation and blight set to Young Americans.

Von Trier did the same thing with the sequel, Manderlay, which concerned slavery and racism.

## The Perks of Being a Wallflower (2012)

Once upon a time, when you heard a song and you didn't know what it was, you might spend years, decades even, trying to hunt it down.

Set in the distant past of the early '90s, this much-liked YA picture handily depicts an era of irritating ignorance: our heroes hear Bowie's Heroes — the Wallflowers cover, from the soundtrack to 1998's Godzilla, had not yet emerged — are immediately blown away (because it's Bowie's Heroes), but don't figure out what it is until much later in the movie. Good times.

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Naomi Watts. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Naomi Watts digs deep with words on plastic surgery

Naomi Watts isn't ruling out plastic surgery as an option, but she does worry it might limit her job prospects.

"Never say never — and I certainly don't judge anyone who does it — but most of the characters I play are going through some kind of emotional turmoil, so my job requires me to have expression," Watts tells Australia's Good Health magazine. "If my face was frozen, what right do I have to play that part? All the women who haven't (done) anything to their faces are still able to play great roles. And some of the ones who have done something have messed it up — they look freakish. Anyway, for me it's about playing women with rich lives. And the longer the life, the deeper the wrinkles."

**The Word**

## *James Franco couldn't care less if you don't like what he does*

James Franco has caught flak for his myriad film and art projects he's launched and academic degrees he's pursued, but he's not letting the haters get him down.

"Criticism can sting but not for long. At this point I've heard it all, good and bad. I can take anything," Franco tells Bullett magazine. "If anyone wants to say that my doing these things makes me a jerk, that's not about me — that's about people reacting to me. I don't need to be liked for anything I do."

He continued on about his haters and why they react the way they do.

"I put out a lot of different kinds of material, and maybe people read that as egotistical. Or maybe, since a lot of it does involve some aspect of me, they find it self-aggrandizing. But there's a long tradition of artists using themselves."

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Pink cares about all her fans, no matter how young.

## Pink stops show to help little girl

Pink certainly knows how to keep the peace. The singer halted a recent Philadelphia concert when she noticed a little girl in the crowd crying, according to Us Weekly.

"Is everything OK right? Is this little girl all right? Why is she crying? Why is she upset?" asked Pink, who was informed by audience members that an altercation had upset the young girl. "Because there was a fight? You all are fighting around a little girl?" she asked.

Pink then coaxed the girl on stage and gave her a treat.

"Honey, do you want this frog and this Rice Krispies treat?"

Before getting back to the music, she also had a message for the rest of the crowd.

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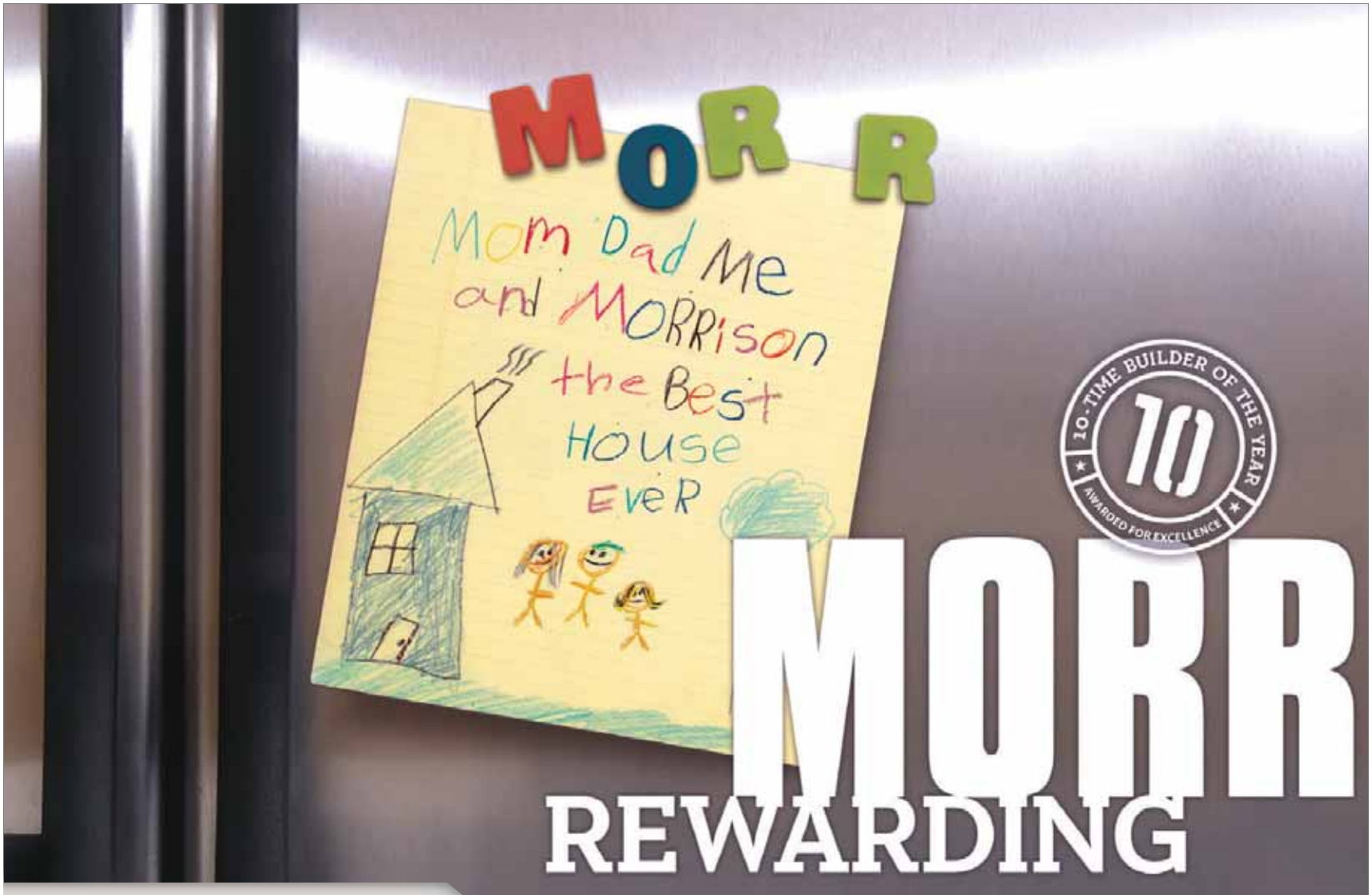


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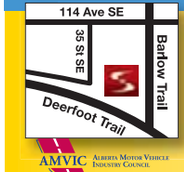


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# Fall into fashion's future

After four gruelling fashion weeks — New York, London, Milan and Paris — we distilled the biggest themes that came down the runways. Here's what you can expect to wear next autumn.

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

## Back to black

As far as New York goes, one message was clear: fall is going to be all about wearable clothes. And let's face it, nothing in your wardrobe is more versatile than black. It's no surprise then that the classic shade ruled the runways. Pair black items with white for another key trend.

**SEEN HERE: RAG & BONE**

## Plays on texture

Forget clothes in plain wool or cotton — designers used luxurious textured fabrics such as high-shine pony hair, wooly alpaca, sophisticated tweed and quilted leather to add a layer of interest to their fall looks.

**SEEN HERE: LANVIN**

## Menswear inspired

Borrowing from the boys has been popular for the past few seasons. Designers furthered explored the trend for fall with slouchy, loose suiting.

**SEEN HERE: BLUMARINE**

## Oversized coats

Besides the tremendous amount of fur on the runway (is PETA still doing their job?) there was another overwhelmingly ubiquitous outerwear trend: coats in oversized proportions and exaggerated cocoon shapes. Squeezing into a crowded subway in one of these is going to be fun.

**SEEN HERE: ROCHAS**

## Pink gets its day

The colour pink gets a bad rap as an uncool girly-girl shade — but that's about to change. Come fall, expect to see stand-out items in every permutation of pink ranging from soft blush to bold fuchsia.

**SEEN HERE: DKNY**

## There's a lady in the house

For those of you who don't do androgyny, feminine staples such as peplum tops, full skirts with longer hemlines and pencil skirts with cinched jackets gave collections a polished, lady-like feel.

**SEEN HERE: ROCHAS**

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## Plaid and checks

Whether you go '90s grunge a la Saint Laurent or the more formal route with houndstooth and Prince of Wales check as shown at Tommy Hilfiger, expect to be part of the plaid parade come Fall.

**SEEN HERE: SAINT LAURENT**

## Winter white

People anxious about getting side eyes for wearing white in the cold seasons can finally put that fear to rest. Designers showed full looks in dreamy pale shades.

**SEEN HERE: GIAMBATTISTA VALLI**

## High slits

Are all the safe, wearable clothes putting you to sleep? Skirts and dresses with slits up to there added a sexy jolt to the fall shows.

**SEEN HERE: GIVENCHY**

## Embellishments galore

This never really ever went out of style. But this show season, the decoration was especially in-your-face with shimmer on top of crystal on top of metal on top of feathers. No matter what your trimming of choice is, there was an option to choose from on the runway.

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# Live on the curly pasta edge with Lamb Ragu

This is one of Nigella Lawson's go-to weeknight suppers. She says you can cook the ragu longer at a lower heat, if desired, but it's also perfect as is.

This recipe calls for pappardelle — those egg-rich, wide ribbons — but you can use whatever type of pasta you have on hand.

"Ragout" is French, "ragu" Italian, and this meat sauce is inspired by the Sicilian combination of sweet lamb, dried wild mint and crushed chili flakes, though Lawson said she has added an Anglo note with a little red currant jelly.

**1.** Put a large pan of water on to boil for the pasta and warm garlic oil in a small, heavy-based pan that comes with a lid; cook shallots, stirring for a minute or so.

**2.** Sprinkle in mint, oregano and red pepper flakes, stirring again in hot pan before adding meat. Cook for a couple of minutes, stirring to break it up with a wooden spatula or spoon, until it loses a bit of its pinkness.

**3.** Add tomatoes, red currant jelly, Worcestershire sauce, salt and some grindings of pepper, then give a good stir and bring to a bubble. Partially cover with the lid and simmer for 20 minutes.

**4.** At the appropriate time, salt the boiling water and cook pasta according to package instructions, making sure to check for readiness a couple of minutes before it's supposed to be done. Once cooked and not-too-efficiently drained, return pasta to pan and dress with lamb ragu.

**5.** Sprinkle a little bit of fresh mint onto each bowl, if desired, to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ NIGELLISSIMA: EASY ITALIAN-INSPIRED RECIPES BY NIGELLA LAWSON (KNOPF CANADA, 2013).**

**Curly-Edged Pasta With Lamb Ragu**

**This recipe serves two.** MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Ingredients

- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) garlic-infused olive oil
- 1 banana shallot, chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried mint
- 5 ml (1 tsp) oregano
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 250 g (8 oz) ground lamb
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) diced tomatoes
- 10 ml (2 tsp) red currant jelly
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- Pinch salt, plus more for pasta water
- Freshly ground pepper
- 250 g (8 oz) pappardelle
- Handful fresh mint, to garnish (optional)

**Cookbook of the Week**

## Flavours of Italy

Nigella Lawson calls her latest cookbook a love letter to Italy.

In the release called Nigellissima: Easy Italian-Inspired Recipes, Nigella Lawson offers up dishes that don't require inaccessible ingredients or techniques. That's because Nigellissima shows readers how a weeknight dish can be a faithful (and delicious) interpretation of traditional Italian fares.

"It's so nice to be able to cook with a handful of ingredients, most of which you can have at home and which doesn't require you to challenge yourself at the end of a busy day," she says.

"I cook the same way my readers do. In other words, I've got family, I've got a job, I'm not trained. I don't know how to chop a carrot with virtuoso speed, so my context is very similar."

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The redeeming feature of your kitchen is the large window that lets in lots of light, so no matter how small your kitchen area might be it will never look dark.

Here are a few design tips and products that will help modernize your kitchen.

Keep the major elements, such as your stove, fridge and sink in the same areas and consider replacing/upgrading what you have now. That way you will not have to worry about complicated electrical or plumbing issues. I would flip the fridge and stove (simple electrical changes); that way, when you look into the kitchen the stove will offer you more visual depth into the room, making it look larger.

### Appliances

Choose a 24-inch-wide fridge with a reflective stainless finish. The narrow fridges today come much taller and are counter depth for a fitted look. I would suggest replacing the stove with a two-burner counter cook top, then build in a micro-convection oven below. This will free up more counter space.

### Cupboards

Since your kitchen is small but bright, I suggest a glossy door in a light colour. The glossy finish will reflect light and keep the small area bright. Consider adding a set of glass-fronted cabinet doors on the cupboards above the sink to add a break in the long row of cabinets and allow an attractive area for display.

### Countertops

A stone countertop will give you two things: a high-end look for your kitchen and durability. I suggest choosing a countertop colour that blends the colours of your fridge/stove together. For instance, if you choose black appliances then choose a darker countertop. For stainless appliances, go for medium greyish tones and for white appliances go with light counters.

### Backsplash and flooring

Your backsplash should marry your upper and lower cabinets together with its tone/colour. For instance, if you have white cabinetry then choose a white backsplash. For a room-expanding effect consider a mirrored backsplash. I like the grey/smoke mirror for a dramatic effect. This tends to look best when incorporating darker cupboards and counters into a kitchen. Your flooring should be a durable, non-gloss tile in a colour/tone that matches the new appliances you choose.

### Lighting

Investing in under-cupboard lighting will add drama at night and allow you to use the kitchen without turning on the bright overhead light. Add a low-profile track light in a modern look to keep the overhead light fixture tight to the ceiling, this will make your ceilings appear taller.

### Paint colour

If you want to make the room look large, make sure the gloss and paint on the walls match the cabinets. If you're dealing with a lighter tone, then paint the ceiling the same colour for consistency.

A tall, slim fridge with a stainless look can give a modern style even when only 24 inches wide. LG.COM

A white/grey fleck quartz counter adds a touch of luxury and durability. CAMBRIACANADA.COM

A small cooktop frees up counter space in a tiny kitchen. GEAPPLIANCES.CA

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After living on an acreage in Bragg Creek for 18 years, the Kaisers knew they wanted space and outdoor living, which are two of the many reasons they were drawn to New Brighton.

Marilyn and Wilf Kaiser are both semi-retired with no children and a dog, and when they relocated in Calgary they wanted to settle in the south to be near their friends. After visiting communities such as Cranston, Copperfield and Mahogany, among others, they wanted to take advantage of the great value in New Brighton, choosing Morrison Homes as their builder.

"Our choice of community and builder was all about the lot," Marilyn says. "The open space and the view of the mountains from our deck and yard is a highlight. We love having a great place to walk our dog."

Describing their house as a "typical" two-storey with a front drive garage and walkout basement, the Kaisers highly value the nine-foot ceilings on the main floor and having many bright windows. Although they only moved in two months ago, the couple is thoroughly enjoying the community atmosphere and have already expanded their deck.

"We're really excited about the pathways through the neighbourhood and the mix of young families and retired people," Marilyn says, adding they love having access to the 20-acre central park and 12-acre New Brighton pond.

As for Morrison Homes, the Kaisers say they enjoyed the great staff and feel like they have become friends.

"The sales staff were very friendly, experienced, helpful and wonderful to work with," Marilyn says.

"The site supervisor and warranty co-ordinator are fabulous, and we value the ease of working and ability to make changes."

With easy access to Deerfoot Trail and plenty of shopping, coffee shops and restaurants at 130 Avenue SE, the Kaisers are certain they have everything they need within reach.

"We're really enjoying our lot and location and our experience with Morrison has been excellent, especially the ease of working with the staff and the ability to change the plan," Marilyn adds.

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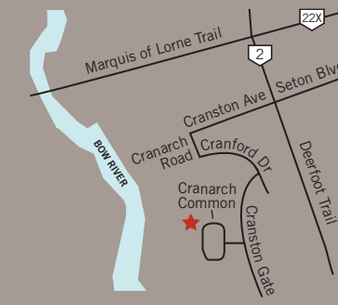


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"Many people are looking to downsize or move into their first home," Cardel Lifestyles sales assistant Reilly LePage says. "And Cranston Place is one of the only multi-family projects in the Cranston community to provide an option for them. People absolutely love the community."

The condos start at just $169,900 and range upwards to $259,900 for a three-bedroom with 1.5 baths with an option to add a second bathroom.

"Customers are seeing everything they value in this community," LePage says. "They know the area has been beautifully developed, and they know that the community has all of the benefits of living in an established neighbourhood while enjoying the scenery."

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With easy access to Deerfoot Trail, the new Calgary South Hospital, many shops, restaurants and nearby schools, it really is all about the location, he adds.

Building 3 in the final phase is almost 60 per cent sold already, Building 2 only has 20 per cent left and, astonishingly, Building 1 has just four lots left.

"The absolute truth is customers actually slept overnight to have the first choice of the new building," LePage says. "And at the end of the day they're getting a tried and tested Cardel product in a location that will provide value for years to come."

The sales centre is open at 301 Cranston Rd. SE from Monday to Thursday between 2-8 p.m. and weekends and holidays from noon to 5 p.m. They are closed Fridays. For more, visit cardellifestyles.com.

### IRON CLAD COMMITMENT

Cardel is the city's No. 1 multi-family homebuilder over the past seven years and for good reason. Cardel Lifestyles has helped more than 1,700 customers find their perfect home since its inception in 1999, and has always provided acute attention to details.

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"People will love the convenience of living near so many outstanding restaurants, coffee shops and popular stores," he says. "And when they want to unwind they can spend a long afternoon relaxing on their spacious balcony or take a walk along the neighbourhood's beautiful natural pond."

Panorama West is being heralded as quite possibly the best condo development for Cardel Lifestyles in the popular neighbourhood of Panorama Hills. With one-bedroom condo units set to start at just $159,900 and two-bedroom units from just $179,900, it's no wonder the condos are moving fast.

"We've been here for just two years in April and we're already selling our last building of 80 — out of 288," Logel adds. "Interest has been very strong because it's a 'have' community and it has everything to offer."

That everything includes the Cardel Recreations Centre that features two hockey rinks, a pool, a gym, a library and more, not to mention schools, movie theatres, a police station, parks and many green spaces.

"There are so many amenities in the area so people don't need a car to get around for everything," Logel adds.

The condos themselves look like they belong in Canmore and boast rundle stone, vinyl siding and a post beam look to go along with it.

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"It's not your typical condo building look, and that's what people are drawn to."

Cardel Lifestyles is currently selling into its fourth building of four, while there are still some units available in Building C, which is under construction and set for fall possession.

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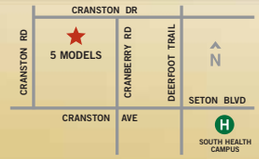


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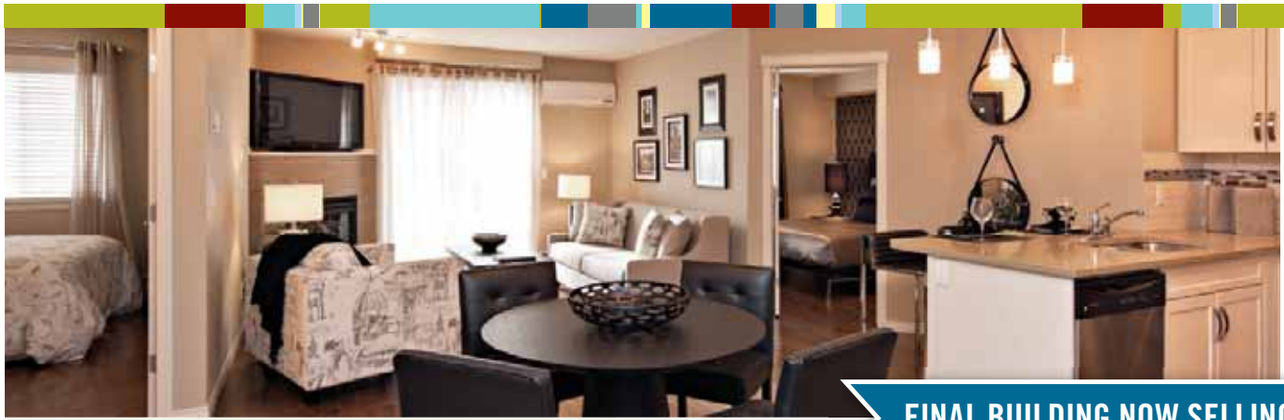

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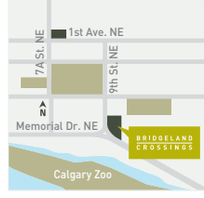


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It's the perfect time to discover your new home in the beautiful southeast community of Auburn Bay with Cedarglen Homes. Cedarglen has three show homes opening on April 27, featuring a new floor plan called the "Newbrook V" that will complement the way you live.

Auburn Bay is a stunning community just east of Deerfoot Trail near the newly constructed Calgary South Hospital. Calgarians can "escape to cottage country" without even leaving the city limits, but still experience the quaintness of small-town charm and beauty.

"Auburn Bay is centred around the four-season lake and it's the perfect place for skating, canoeing, just splashing in the water and anything in between," Ashley Simpson of Cedarglen Homes says of the popular neighbourhood. "The community also offers many spectacular green spaces, parks and ponds. It's no wonder everyone calls it 'cottage country.'"

Simpson says the grand opening of the three new show homes on April 27 is the perfect opportunity for potential buyers to view a variety of styles and floor plans while getting a taste of the community and atmosphere.

"The grand opening really helps us help paint a picture of how your new home will look and allow us to feature our versatility in regards to the range of products we carry," Simpson says.

Cedarglen Homes has a promotion until March 31, dubbed "Lifestyle Solutions" in which the homebuyer will receive the Lifestyle Plus base of knockdown ceilings, an 8-foot-, one-inch basement wall height, triple-glazed argon-filled windows, granite countertops and hardwood flooring. But that's not all — the homebuyer will also be able to choose two of five incredible "solutions" that mesh with their chosen lifestyle.

The show homes in Auburn Bay are located at 32 Auburn Springs Blvd., SE with sales manager Mike Dwyer at 403-252-9040. The hours of operation are Monday to Thursday, noon to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Prices for the lot and houses, including GST, start at the $435,000 price range.

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NHL

## Players' union to get views on visors

The National Hockey League Players' Association plans to canvass its membership on visors.

Mathieu Schneider, a special assistant to NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, said some 72 to 73 per cent of NHL players currently wear shields.

"By the sheer numbers of players wearing them, you're seeing a big change in visors," Schneider said.

"I'm certainly an advocate — and a bit of a hypocrite myself because I played my entire career without one. But the game's extremely fast. Guys come into the league now having had to wear a visor before. We're definitely going to look at talking to the guys about grandfathering them in."

That might involve polling the players on the issue. The last time they did that, in 2009, players were "heavily" against grandfathering in visors, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Czech Republic

## Racist chants earn fans one-year ban

A court in the Czech Republic has banned eight fans from a stadium for one year for racially abusing Philadelphia Flyers winger Wayne Simmonds in October when he was playing there during the NHL lockout.

Simmonds, who is black, was the target of racist chants while playing for Liberec White Tigers at the Chomutov Pirates on Oct. 28 in the Czech league. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hayley Wickenheiser's international women's hockey festival is moving to Calgary from Burnaby, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# WickFest on the move to Calgary

**Hockey.** Wickenheiser excited to host international festival at Canada Olympic Park

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**"It lends itself to a little bit easier access to people coming from around the world."**

**Hayley Wickenheiser,** who hopes WickFest's new venue attracts more teams from far and wide.

Hayley Wickenheiser is moving her international women's hockey festival to Calgary after three years in Burnaby, B.C.

The captain and all-time leading scorer of the Canadian women's hockey team says an offer from WinSport to use its new facilities at Canada Olympic Park, as well as a decline in sponsorship dollars in Burnaby, prompted the move.

"Financially, it was really tough to stay in Burnaby," Wickenheiser said. "It's tough to raise sponsorship dollars.

"Just the connections and access here in Calgary was a really big reason and just being able to move it into a state-of-the-art world-class facility, it is exactly what we want to do with aligning the festival."

Wickenheiser held her first festival in Burnaby in November 2010, in the wake of the Winter Olympics in nearby Vancouver. The five-time Olympian said she wanted to boost the level of girls hockey in the province.

The event expanded from 54 teams in its inaugural year to 70 last year.

In addition to tournaments for novice, atom, peewee, bantam and midget clubs, "WickFest" includes skills clinics and off-ice seminars on nutrition, strength and conditioning and how to prepare for college and university hockey.

Wickenheiser lives in Calgary and will train full time at COP next winter with the women's team in preparation for the 2014 Winter Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Leafs end losing slide vs. Lightning

**NHL.** Kadri, Lupul carry offence in Toronto's first win in six games

Nazem Kadri had three assists and Joffrey Lupul added a goal and an assist as the Toronto Maple Leafs snapped a five-game winless streak with a 4-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Wednesday night.

Kadri and Lupul won the battle against the Lightning's top line featuring Steven Stamkos and Martin St. Louis.

Dion Phaneuf, Tyler Bozak and Nikolai Kulemin also scored for Toronto (16-12-2) before 19,433 at the Air Canada Centre.

Kadri's three points tie a career high (he had a hat trick in a Feb. 28 game against the Islanders). The shifty centre had a chance at a fourth point but was hauled down in front of goal by Teddy Purcell mid-way through the third period.

Rookies Radko Gudas and Cory Conacher scored consolation goals for Tampa Bay in the third, spoiling James Reimer's shutout attempt.

The Leafs had been off since a 5-4 shootout loss to the visiting Winnipeg Jets on Saturday, with their last win coming March 6 — a 5-4 decision over visiting Ottawa.

Toronto gave up 16 goals during the five-game winless slide with Reimer, 0-1-2 during that run, allowing eight goals on 76 shots.

Tampa, while 4-6-0 in its last 10, came into the game on back-to-back wins over Carolina and Philadelphia that saw it score four goals in each game. The Lightning (13-16-1) were without star forward Vincent Lecavalier, who reportedly suffered a broken left foot on March 12 against Florida.

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**On Wednesday**

| Leafs | Lightning |
|---|---|
| 4 | 2 |

Leafs winger Joffrey Lupul celebrates his goal during a game against the Lightning in Toronto on Wednesday.

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**NHL**

## Players' union to get views on visors

The National Hockey League Players' Association plans to canvass its membership on visors.

Mathieu Schneider, a special assistant to NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, said some 72 to 73 per cent of NHL players currently wear shields.

"By the sheer numbers of players wearing them, you're seeing a big change in visors," Schneider said.

"I'm certainly an advocate — and a bit of a hypocrite myself because I played my entire career without one. But the game's extremely fast. Guys come into the league now having had to wear a visor before. We're definitely going to look at talking to the guys about grandfathering them in."

That might involve polling the players on the issue. The last time they did that, in 2009, players were "heavily" against grandfathering in visors, he said.

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## Infallible Heat stretch streak

LeBron James scored 25 points as the Miami Heat overcame a 27-point deficit in the third quarter and won their 24th straight game, 98-95, over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night to extend the second-longest winning streak in NBA history.

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## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 53 | 14 | .791 | — |
| Indiana | 42 | 26 | .618 | 11½ |
| New York | 40 | 26 | .606 | 12½ |
| Brooklyn | 40 | 28 | .588 | 13½ |
| Atlanta | 38 | 30 | .559 | 15½ |
| Chicago | 36 | 30 | .545 | 16½ |
| Boston | 36 | 31 | .537 | 17 |
| Milwaukee | 34 | 33 | .507 | 19 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 40 | .394 | 26½ |
| **Toronto** | **26** | **42** | **.382** | **27½** |
| Washington | 23 | 43 | .348 | 29½ |
| Detroit | 23 | 46 | .333 | 31 |
| Cleveland | 22 | 46 | .324 | 31½ |
| Orlando | 18 | 51 | .261 | 36 |
| Charlotte | 16 | 52 | .235 | 37½ |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 52 | 16 | .765 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 50 | 19 | .725 | 2½ |
| Memphis | 46 | 21 | .687 | 5½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 46 | 22 | .676 | 6 |
| Denver | 47 | 22 | .681 | 5½ |
| Golden State | 39 | 31 | .557 | 14 |
| Houston | 37 | 31 | .544 | 15 |
| L.A. Lakers | 36 | 33 | .522 | 16½ |
| Utah | 34 | 34 | .500 | 18 |
| Dallas | 32 | 36 | .471 | 20 |
| Portland | 31 | 36 | .463 | 20½ |
| Minnesota | 23 | 42 | .354 | 27½ |
| Sacramento | 24 | 44 | .353 | 28 |
| Phoenix | 23 | 45 | .338 | 29 |
| New Orleans | 23 | 46 | .333 | 29½ |

**Note:** division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**
Miami 98 Cleveland 95
Charlotte 107 **Toronto 101**
New York 106 Orlando 94
Atlanta 98 Milwaukee 90
Brooklyn 113 Dallas 96
New Orleans 87 Boston 86
Houston 100 Utah 93
Memphis 90 Oklahoma City 89 (OT)
San Antonio 104 Golden State 93
Washington at Phoenix
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**
Indiana 95 Orlando 73
Milwaukee 102 Portland 95
Denver 114 Oklahoma City 104
Sacramento 116 L.A. Clippers 101

**THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**
Portland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 31 | 23 | 8 | 0 | 110 | 81 | 46 |
| NY Rangers | 29 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 70 | 70 | 32 |
| New Jersey | 30 | 13 | 11 | 6 | 74 | 84 | 32 |
| NY Islanders | 29 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 86 | 96 | 29 |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 81 | 92 | 27 |

**NORTHEAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 29 | 19 | 5 | 5 | 92 | 73 | 43 |
| Boston | 28 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 82 | 60 | 41 |
| Ottawa | 30 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 77 | 65 | 38 |
| Toronto | 30 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 90 | 85 | 34 |
| Buffalo | 30 | 11 | 15 | 4 | 79 | 95 | 26 |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Winnipeg | 30 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 80 | 86 | 34 |
| Carolina | 29 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 84 | 82 | 32 |
| Tampa Bay | 30 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 98 | 90 | 27 |
| Washington | 29 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 79 | 87 | 25 |
| Florida | 30 | 8 | 16 | 6 | 74 | 110 | 22 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 29 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 100 | 62 | 51 |
| St. Louis | 29 | 16 | 11 | 2 | 87 | 83 | 34 |
| Detroit | 30 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 80 | 79 | 33 |
| Columbus | 30 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 68 | 79 | 30 |
| Nashville | 30 | 11 | 13 | 6 | 70 | 81 | 28 |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 29 | 17 | 10 | 2 | 77 | 71 | 36 |
| Vancouver | 29 | 14 | 9 | 6 | 81 | 82 | 34 |
| Edmonton | 28 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 69 | 81 | 28 |
| Calgary | 27 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 78 | 91 | 26 |
| Colorado | 29 | 11 | 14 | 4 | 75 | 92 | 26 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 28 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 95 | 69 | 46 |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 17 | 10 | 2 | 88 | 73 | 36 |
| San Jose | 28 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 67 | 74 | 30 |
| Phoenix | 30 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 79 | 85 | 30 |
| Dallas | 29 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 76 | 88 | 29 |

**Note:** A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**
Toronto 4 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 4 Detroit 2
Colorado 4 Dallas 3
San Jose at Edmonton
Chicago at Anaheim

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**
Ottawa 5 NY Islanders 3
NY Rangers 3 New Jersey 2
Florida 4 Carolina 1
Columbus 4 Nashville 3
Pittsburgh 2 Washington 1
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Winnipeg 3 Boston 1
Vancouver 3 St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 3 Phoenix 2

**THURSDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**
Florida at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### MAPLE LEAFS 4, LIGHTNING 2

**First Period**
1. Toronto, Lupul 3 (Kadri, Gunnarsson) 6:56
**Penalties** — Killorn TBL (tripping) 13:14, Lupul Tor (tripping) 13:39.
**Second Period**
2. Toronto, Phaneuf 5 (Gunnarsson, Kadri) 0:52
3. Toronto, Bozak 8 (Kessel, Fraser) 6:53
4. Toronto, Kulemin 4 (Kadri, Lupul) 7:22
**Penalties** — Fraser Tor (fighting) 0:29, Crombeen TBL (fighting) 0:29, Kadri Tor (interference) 8:09, Fraser Tor (roughing) 10:05, Conacher TBL (roughing) 10:05.
**Third Period**
5. Tampa Bay, Gudas 1 (Labrie, Crombeen) 7:44
6. Tampa Bay, Conacher 8 (Johnson, St-Louis) 17:02
**Penalties** — Lupul Tor (illegal check to head minor) 0:45, Gunnarsson Tor (holding) 5:07, Purcell TBL (hooking) 10:53.
**Shots on goal:**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 6 | 11 | 11 | — | 28 |
| Toronto | 8 | 10 | 8 | — | 26 |

**Goal** — Tampa Bay: Garon (L, 3-8-0, start, 7:44 third, 18-15), Lindback (6:53 of second, 8-7); Toronto: Reimer (W, 10-4-2).
**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 0-4; Toronto: 0-2.
**Attendance** — 19,433 at Toronto.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Friends say you can do no wrong but for one reason or another you don't entirely believe them. Maybe you should reserve judgment until you feel more positive about yourself. When will that be? Any moment now.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
You live by certain standards but you cannot expect everyone else to live by them too. Sometimes, you can be a bit too judgmental. The planets warn that the person you judge today could be the one judging you tomorrow.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Do you commit yourself to a course of action that could boost your reputation or do you play safe and leave things just as they are? You were born to take chances.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Everything you touch will turn out just right today. But don't get carried away as the planets warn your gains could be wiped out if you push your luck too far. Know when to stop.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
The only pressure you will feel today is the pressure you choose to put on yourself. Whatever your problems, push them to one side and focus only on things that make you happy.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
You seem to be on the verge of accepting some kind of deal, and it certainly looks good. But appearances can be deceptive and the planets warn you should wait a day or two.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
By all means, tell the truth today but expect some kind of backlash for your honesty. Other people will not be happy if you point out their failings, so ask yourself: Is it really worth opening my mouth?

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Even if you are following a path you have taken before, you could fall on your face today. That does not mean you should stay home — just watch where you put your feet!

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
You may be confident that a scheme of some kind cannot fail but don't expect too much of it right away. The omens are good for the long-term but in the short-term there may be one or two setbacks.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
You believe in telling it as you see it, which is good. But some people can be super sensitive to criticism, so don't overdo it. Tone down your comments a bit today so you are less likely to get a negative reaction.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Some people prefer to get others to help them rather than do things for themselves and one such person is beginning to annoy you. Let them know in no uncertain terms that you will no longer indulge their laziness.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You may be tempted to ditch a project that has already been started and begin all over again but is that truly necessary? No, it's not. It will come out right.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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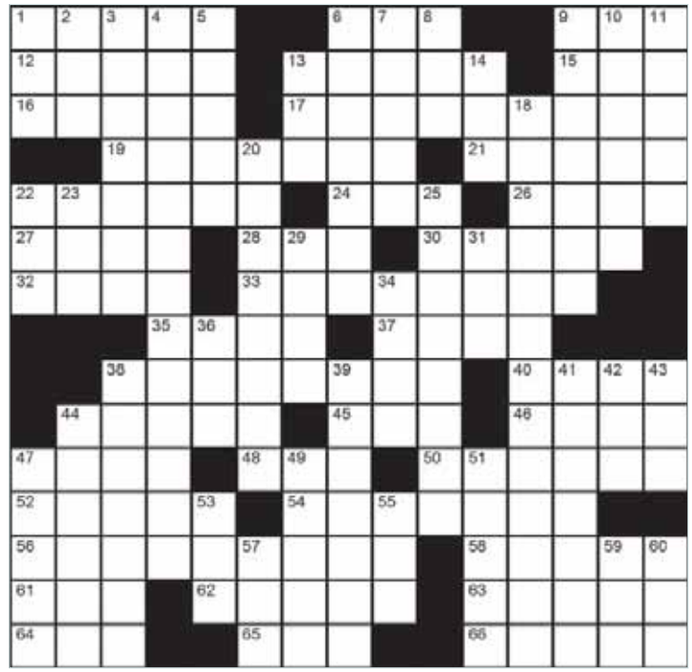
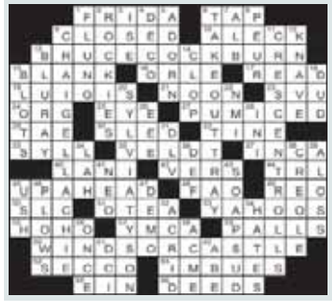


**Across**
1. Ms. Lake of TV talk
6. Inc., in England
9. Booker T.'s backup
12. Walk _ __ line
13. __ corn: 2 wds.
15. Queen's "We __ the Champions"
16. "You can __ _ horse to water..."
17. Seth Rogen flick, with The: 2 wds.
19. Connecting-stuff-to-a-PC spot, _ _ _ ___
21. Wander
22. Spa treatment
24. "The Addams Family" cousin
26. 911 respondents
27. Secret __. (Alias)
28. Dined
30. Roy __, Robert Redford's "The Natural" (1984) role
32. Ernie's muppet friend
33. Fajita need
35. Crown getter
37. Latin hymn: "Dies __"
38. Back together
40. Face part
44. Jacket sported by a '60s rocker
45. Ex-Bruin Bobby
46. Honeymaker's home
47. _ ___ _ (Edmonton sch.)
48. Chairman in The Beatles' "Revolution"
50. Spoke from the podium
52. Fishhook line
54. Beavers, whilst using their teeth
56. Toronto-based romance novel publisher
58. "Going to _ __-__" by Smokey Robinson & The Miracles
61. Scot's uncle
62. Kelly Clarkson's "Since _ __ Gone"
63. Camping needs
64. Riddle-me-__
65. "Hiss!"
66. Toronto football players, to fans

**Down**
1. Singer Mr. Donner
2. 'Favour' suffix
3. The Canterbury†Tales writer
4. Canuck sketch comedy troupe: The __: 4 wds.
5. "Dancing with the Stars" judge Carrie Ann
6. Sir Wilfrid __
7. Country singer, Travis __
8. Cdn. currency
9. Xylophone-like instrument
10. Defrauds
11. Sevens: French
13. Inflated id
14. Bouquet delivery co.
18. "Brand New Low" band from Sault Ste. Marie: 2 wds.
20. "Doesn't Really Matter" by __ Blonde
22. Little lie
23. 'Lemon' suffix
25. Fairly-near-the-stage area: 2 wds.
29. Ms. Spelling
31. 'Pay' suffix
34. Level
36. Italy's li'l locale
38. Sports official
39. Two-dollar coins
41. NYC's Brill Building output: 2 wds.
42. "__ Got a Feeling" by The Beatles
43. Heath Ledger/Orlando Bloom movie, "__ Kelly" (2003)
44. Generic grocery store brand: 2 wds.
47. One-named male vocalist
49. Chills
51. Ranch in "Giant" (1956)
53. Currency in Romania
55. Ms. Jillian
57. Some CFL players
59. Ronny & The Daytonas smash
60. Old spy gr.

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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| 5 | | | | | | | | 7 |
| | | 4 | 1 | | 6 | 8 | | |
| 2 | 1 | | | 6 | | | 4 | 3 |
| | | | 3 | | 4 | | | |
| | 3 | 6 | | | | 2 | 8 | |

### Yesterday's Sudoku

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| 1 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 |
| 6 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 |

## Weather

| TODAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|
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